

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 1423-24 of the Legislative Journal.) 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 818 passes. LB 830.

CLERK: (Read LB 830 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 830 pass? All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all cast your final vote? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1424 of the Legislative Journal.) 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 830 passes. We'll now return to LB 246.

CLERK: Madam President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Schellpeper would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (The Schellpeper amendment, AM1128, appears on page 1425 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I filed an amendment to, I guess, put some facts out. There's been a lot of figures floating around about this bill and about the amount of support that there is for it in Howard County. I received a letter from the County Agent, Bob Ramsel in Howard County, and he stated that there's actually 660 farms in Howard County. On those farms, there's about 869 people and they think...so about one-half of them are livestock farmers. Now I think there's been some figures that show that there's 500 farmers support this and there just can't be that many livestock people that are actually supporting putting Howard County into the brand area. When you look at what it will actually do to the people involved, the people that are actually livestock people, I think the majority of them, as when we had the hearing up there stated, that they do not want to be made part of Howard County. I think when you have the people from the small towns also voting, that's where some of these letters probably came to or came from that were sent to the senators